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EYES ONLY FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

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1. ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY'S MESSAGE IS MASTERFUL SUMMARY
OF RESULTS OF HIS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TRIP HERE. TRIP'S
SUCCESS WAS IN NO SMALL MEASURE DUE TO ADMIRAL
HOLLOWAY'S EXTRAORDINARY ABILITIES WHICH MANIFESTED
THEMSELVES TO HIS HOSTS AND FACILITATED OPEN YET
FRIENDLY EXCHANGE.

2. LJUBICIC'S REMARKS WERE PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT.
HE ASKED US SEVERAL TIMES TO DEFINE KIND OF
RELATIONSHIP US WANTED WITH YUGOSLAVIA IN MILITARY
FIELD. HE REMINDED US THAT DURING PRESIDENTIAL VISIT
1975, BOTH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER
HAD STATED US WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW YUGOSLAVIA ACCESS
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TO MODERN MILITARY WEAPONS. YUGOSLAVS THEN SUBMITTED
LIST OF THEIR INTERESTS BUT ONLY MODERN WEAPON, TOW,
FOR WHICH PERMISSION GRANTED, WAS PUBLICIZED IN WAY
THAT PLACED YUGOSLAVIA IN CONFRONTATIONAL POSITION WITH
SOVIETS. LAST THING THAT YUGOSLAVS WANTED, LJUBICIC
OBSERVED, WAS CONFRONTATION WITH SOVIET UNION "WHICH HAS
DIVISIONS ON OUR BORDER". HE ALLEGED THAT PENTAGON

BLOCKING ACCESS TO WEAPONS FROM OTHER WESTERN SUPPLIERS,
CITING CASE OF YUGOSLAVIA'S ATTEMPTS TO PURCHASE
BOFORS GUN WITH LASER SIGHT FROM SWEDEN. U.S. SAID NO,
HE CLAIMED. (PRESUMABLY US PERMISSION REQUIRED BECAUSE
OF RESTRICTIONS ON THIRD COUNTRY SALES IN AGREEMENT
WITH SWEDES).

3. EXCHANGE REINFORCES MY VIEW, EXPRESSED IN EMBASSY'S
POLICY ASSESSMENT (BELGRADE 1776) OF IMPORTANCE OF
HIGH-LEVEL REVIEW OF OUR POSTURE TOWARDS YUGOSLAVIA'S
DEFENSE NEEDS. ALSO REINFORCES MY VIEW THAT MECHANISMS
NEEDED TO ASSURE THAT POLICY DECISIONS ONCE MADE ARE
TRANSLATED INTO EFFECTIVE AND QUICK ACTION.
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